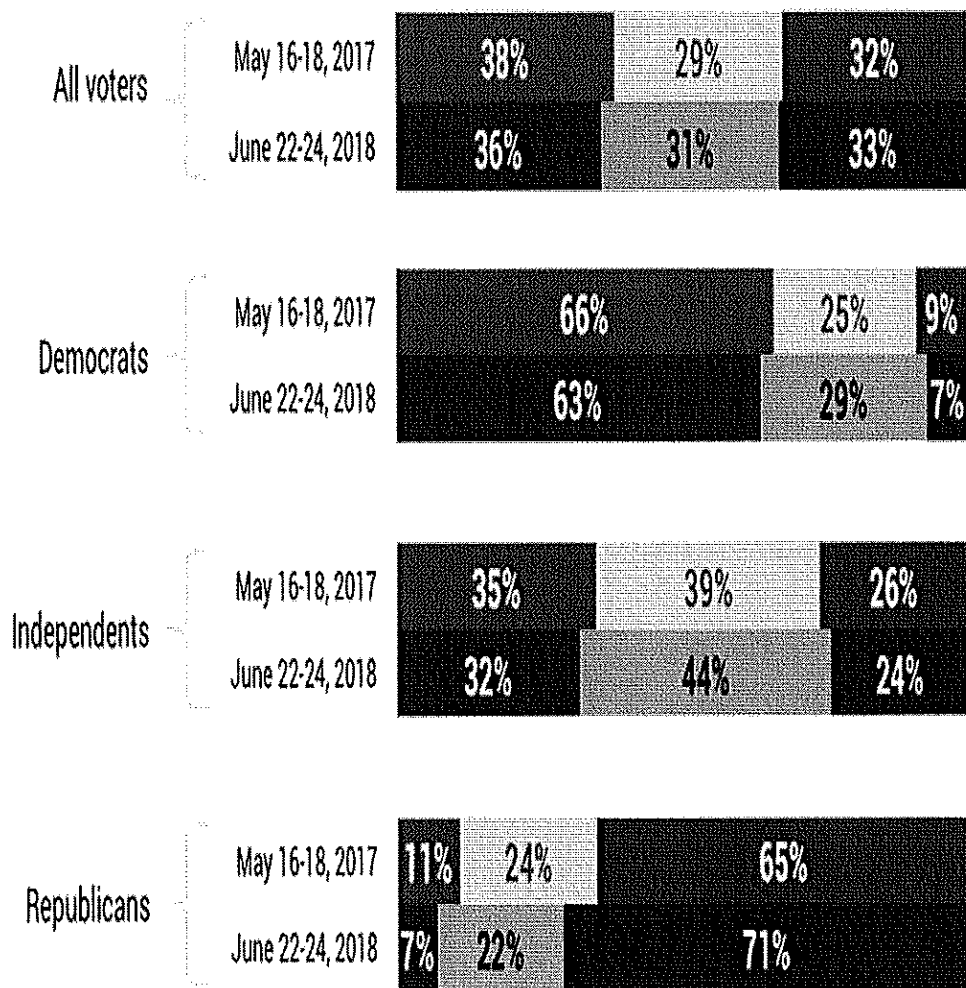


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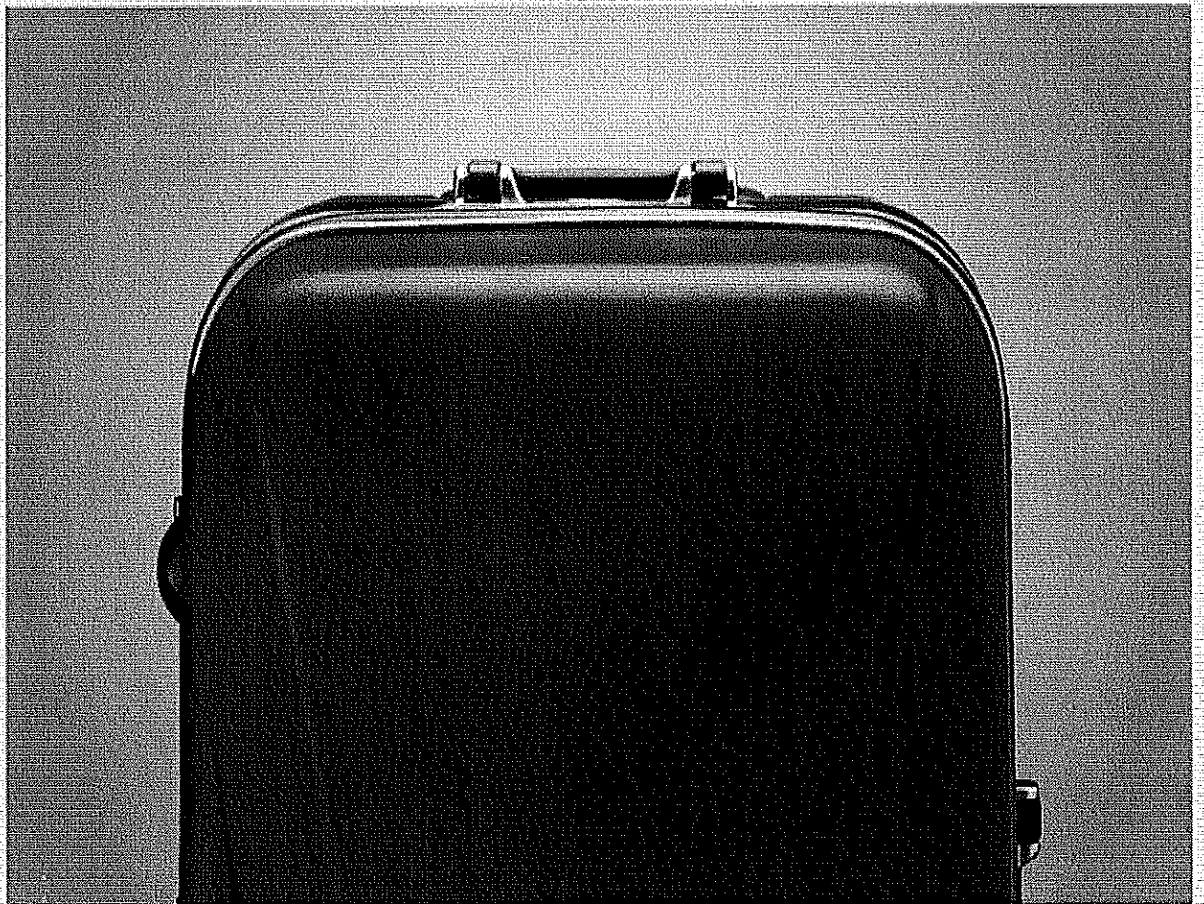
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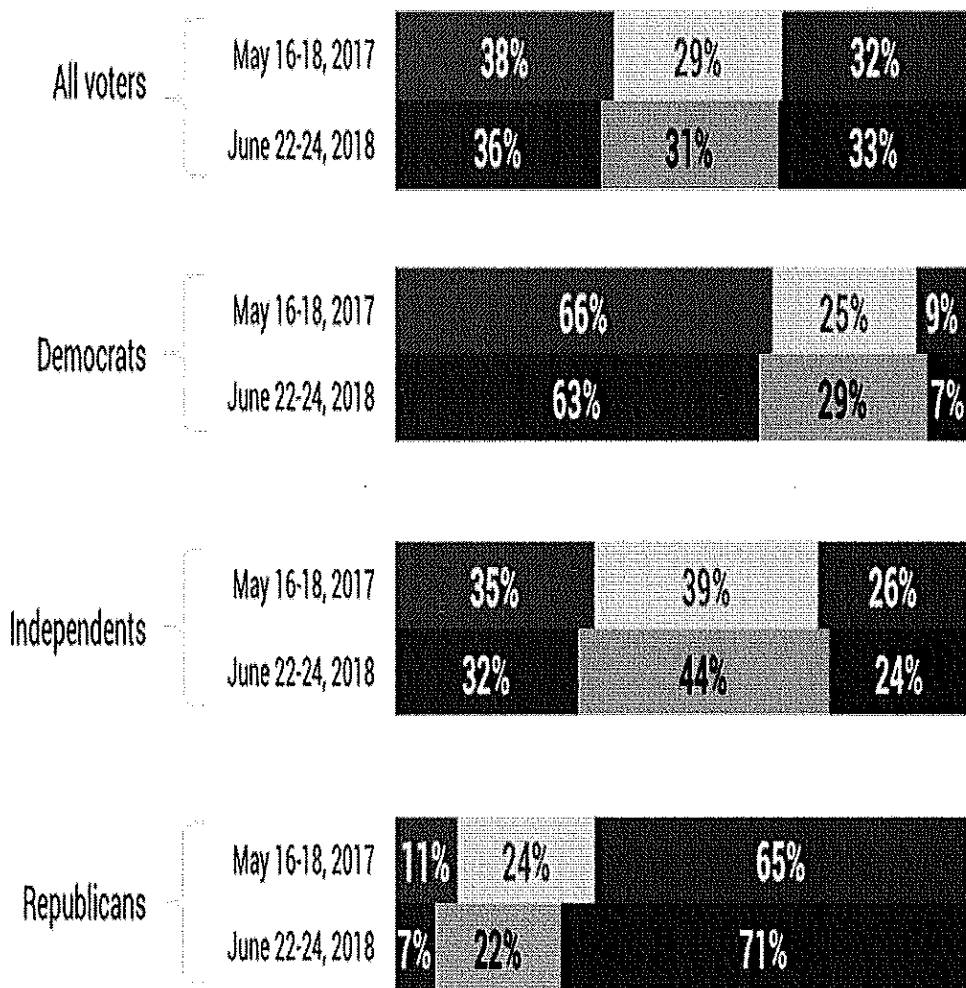
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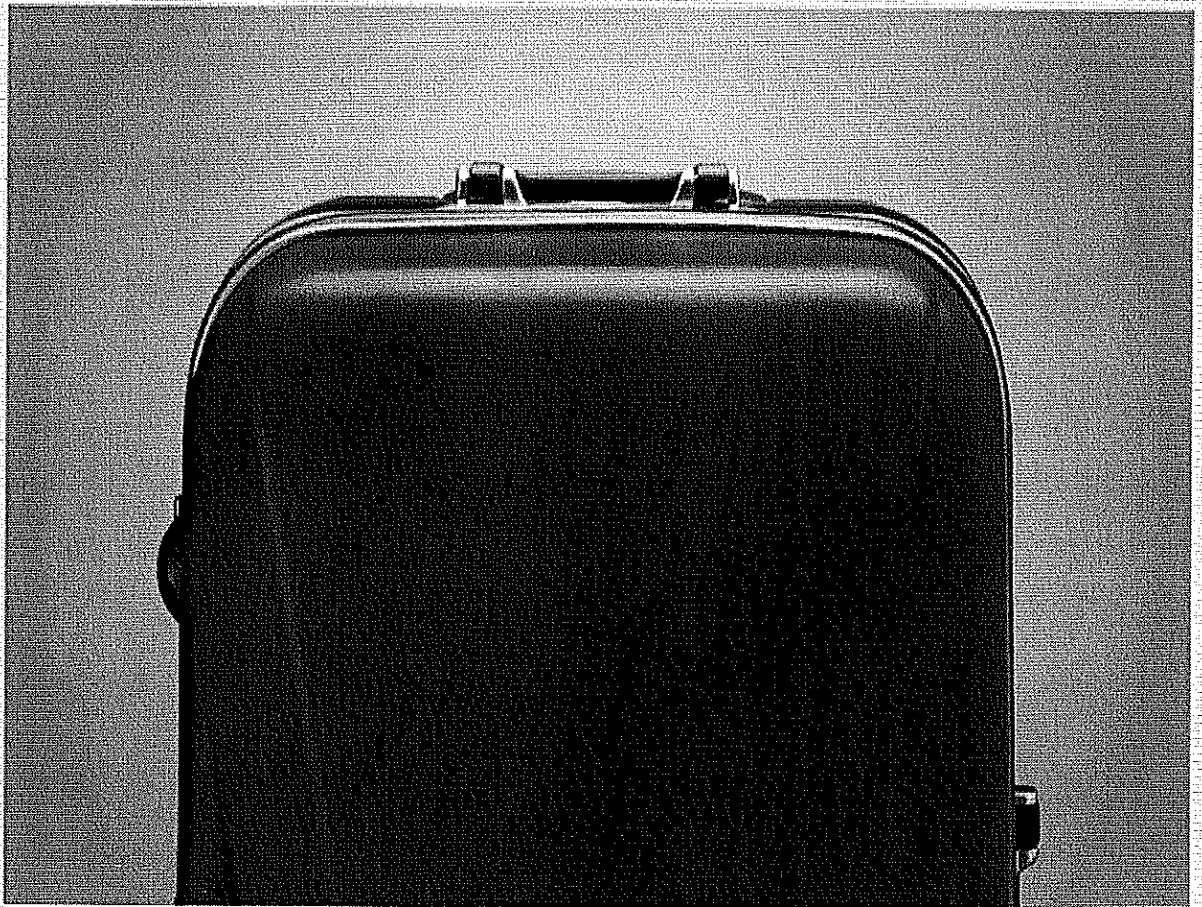
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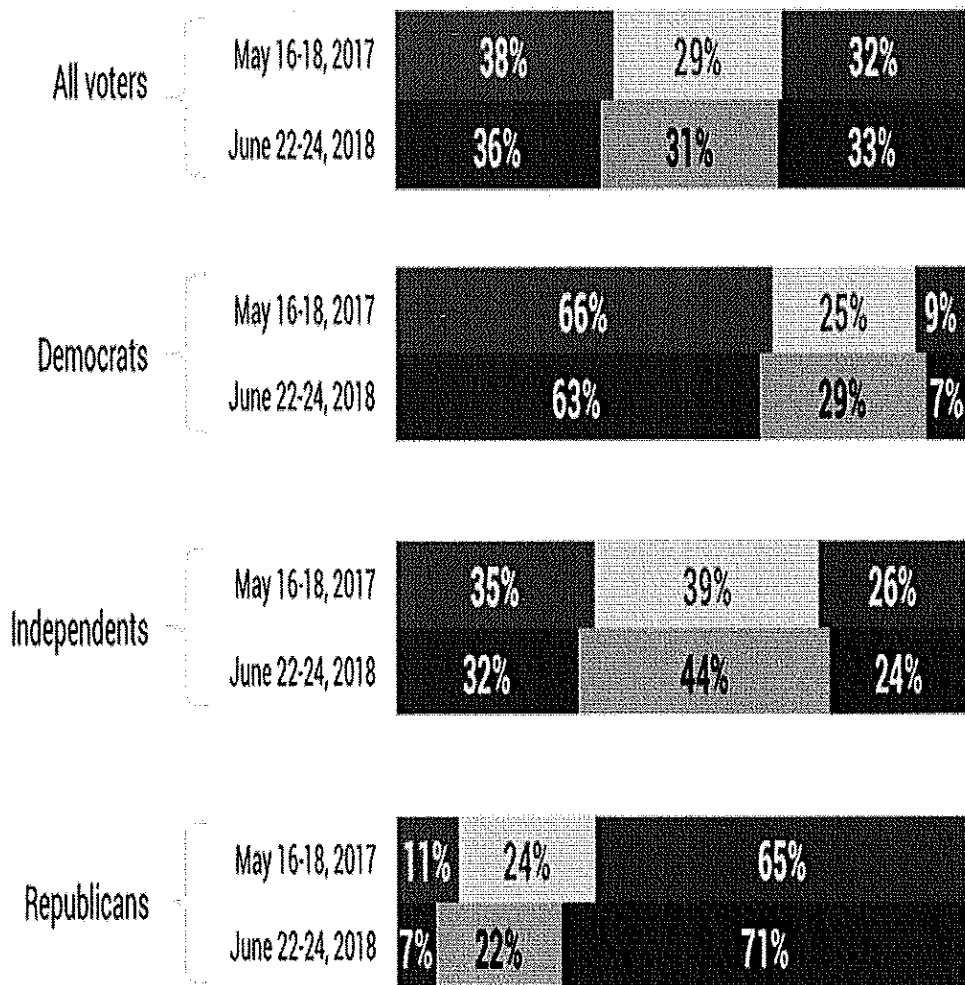
Chart Review

Republicans More Likely Than Before to Trust Trump Over Political Media
Morning Consult

Trump or the Media? Voters' Trust Still Depends on Their Party

Who do you trust more to tell the truth?

■ The national media ■ Don't know/No opinion ■ President Trump's White House



Events Calendar (All Times Local)

THURSDAY

George Mason University the Federalist Society host National Security Symposium 9:30 a.m.

DAG Rosenstein, FBI Director Wray testify at House Judiciary Committee 9:30 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on judicial nominations 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

No events scheduled



Report: The State of American Travel 2018

Consumer insights on vacationing, transportation, and accommodation. This report features brand tracking data on airlines, hotels, and more.

General

Manafort had \$10 million loan from Russian oligarch: court filing

Nathan Layne, Reuters

A search warrant application unsealed on Wednesday revealed closer links than previously known between President Donald Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort and a Russian oligarch with close ties to the Kremlin. In an affidavit attached to the July 2017 application, an FBI agent said he had reviewed tax returns for a company controlled by Manafort and his wife that showed a \$10 million loan from a Russian lender identified as Oleg Deripaska.

Watchdog closes Zinke threat probe, citing lack of cooperation from Interior

Anthony Adragna, Politico

The GAO said today it couldn't issue an opinion on whether Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke violated the law by reportedly threatening an Alaskan senator in a phone call because the agency didn't cooperate in its probe. Interior acknowledged Zinke phoned Senate Energy Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) one day after Murkowski voted against the GOP's legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Obama expected to hit the campaign trail for Democrats with help from Pelosi and Schumer

Brian Schwartz, CNBC

Former President Barack Obama has been laying low when it comes to taking on President Donald Trump and the Republican Party. That's not going to last much longer.

As U.S. hardens its borders, Canada debates whether to do the same or stand up to Trump

Vera Haller, Los Angeles Times

Gbolahan Banjo says his bisexuality led to ostracism and beatings in his native Nigeria, where same-sex relationships are forbidden. So in early

June, he made his way to a deserted road in upstate New York and walked across the border and into Canada.

Xi Warns Mattis China Won't Surrender 'One Inch' of Territory **Bloomberg**

President Xi Jinping told U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis he wouldn't give up any territory that China considered its own, an unusually blunt warning as security disputes simmer below a fight over trade. Xi made his remarks while meeting Mattis on Wednesday in Beijing, the first such visit by a U.S. defense chief in more than four years.

Congress snubs White House, won't fund new prison for geriatric inmates at Guantánamo **Carol Rosenberg, McClatchy DC**

In a setback to President Donald Trump's promise to make Guantánamo a permanent detention center, Congress has refused to pay for construction of a new \$69 million prison for the alleged 9/11 plotters and other former CIA captives. Commanders at the prison twice in recent weeks campaigned for the new building in sessions with visiting U.S. journalists.

A Spymaster Steps Out of the Shadows **Mattathias Schwartz, The New York Times**

On June 4, John Brennan, the former C.I.A. director, made the long drive from suburban Virginia to New Jersey. He had plans to dine with his brother and an old high school friend.

Presidential

Trump dubs Heitkamp a 'liberal Democrat,' urges her defeat **Darlene Superville, The Associated Press**

President Donald Trump urged voters Wednesday to fire "liberal Democrat" Sen. Heidi Heitkamp in November, claiming that she promised to be an independent mind but instead has voted in lockstep with her party leadership and against his agenda. Trump called instead for the election of Republican U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer, one of his staunchest allies in Congress.

Federal officials launch two reviews into Trump's handling of migrant children
Dan Diamond, Politico

The GAO and the Health and Human Services inspector general both launched reviews Wednesday into the Trump administration's handling of thousands of migrant children separated from their families at the border. The GAO told Rep. Frank Pallone (N.J.) that it will audit the systems and processes used to track families as they were separated, including how the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement monitored each minor in its care, according to a letter obtained by POLITICO.

Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin Expect to Hold July Summit
Peter Nicholas et al., The Wall Street Journal

President Donald Trump said Wednesday he will "most likely" meet with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, in a summit next month in Europe. The president is scheduled to attend a North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit next month in Brussels and is also planning to visit the U.K.

As Summit Nears, NATO Allies Have One Main Worry: Trump
Steven Erlanger, The New York Times

NATO has been preparing for its July summit meeting for a year now, but there is one wild card: President Trump. Nobody knows which president will show up - the truculent one railing about inadequate military

spending by the allies or the boastful one taking credit for recent spending increases.

Senate

Kennedy Retirement Injects an Inflammatory New Issue Into Midterms

Jonathan Martin et al., The New York Times

Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's announcement on Wednesday that he would retire this summer immediately thrust the high court to the center of the battle for control of the Senate, with Republicans daring red-state Democrats to oppose the nominee to replace Justice Kennedy, and Democrats warning that a rush to seat a new justice before the election would further galvanize moderate and liberal voters. With the Republican majority already on a 51-49 knife's edge, senators and strategists from both parties said the clash over the balance of the Supreme Court would immediately overwhelm a campaign that to date had largely revolved around President Trump's conduct and issues surrounding the economy, immigration and health care.

Senators Quickly Pivot to SCOTUS Confirmation Mode **Jason Dick and John T. Bennett, Roll Call**

Senate Republican leaders on Wednesday quickly laid out the game plan for confirming a replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, wasting no time in stating they intended to confirm a new justice before the fall elections and flatly claiming there was literally nothing Democrats could do to delay that. "The Senate stands ready to fulfill its constitutional role by offering advice and consent on President Trump's nominee to fill this vacancy. We will vote to confirm Justice Kennedy's successor this fall," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on the floor just minutes after the news of Kennedy's retirement broke.

Senate farm bill stalled by Rubio's Cuba crusade **Liz Crampton and Catherine Boudreau, Politico**

Senate leadership's goal of holding a floor vote on the farm bill this week is now in doubt, as key farm-state lawmakers work to resolve a new demand from Sen. Marco Rubio over a provision that would promote agricultural trade with Cuba. The Florida Republican on Wednesday declared on Twitter that he'd block any new amendments to the farm bill unless the Senate votes to strike a provision that would allow USDA funding for foreign market development programs to be spent in Cuba - or until senators adopt his proposal to ban U.S. taxpayer dollars from being spent on businesses owned by the Cuban military.

VA Nominee Faces Questions on Role in Jesse Helms Races **Ben Kesling, The Wall Street Journal**

President Donald Trump's nominee to head the Department of Veterans Affairs has been preparing for his Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday by meeting with lawmakers in recent weeks to explain his views and his 30-year career in government as well as fielding questions about any role he has played in racially-charged politics. Robert Wilkie, a lawyer and Air Force Reserve officer currently serving as a Pentagon undersecretary in the latest of his decades of government and defense contracting posts, differs from many of the Washington outsiders usually preferred by Mr. Trump.

House

Rosenstein and FBI chief will testify today in the House on alleged FBI bias in Russia probe **Chris Megerian, Los Angeles Times**

As President Trump continues to rage against the Russia investigation clouding his administration, House Republicans are calling in top law enforcement officials for questioning and are escalating their demands for sensitive documents about the case. Deputy Atty. Gen. Rod

Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray, both of whom were appointed by Trump, are scheduled to testify Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee about a recent Justice Department inspector general report that White House allies claim proves bias among FBI investigators in the Russia probe.

Embattled FBI agent meets with Congress behind closed doors in 11-hour marathon

Jeremy Herb et al., CNN

Embattled FBI agent Peter Strzok told lawmakers Wednesday in a marathon, closed-door interview that the anti-Trump text messages he exchanged with an FBI lawyer were part of an "intimate" conversation and he did not intend to act on any of the missives, according to Democrats in the meeting. But Republicans argued that Strzok's claims about the messages after the fact were simply not credible, and one lawmaker claimed to have learned new information from his interview Tuesday with the House Oversight and Judiciary Committees.

Pelosi's path to speakership gets even harder
Heather Caygle and John Bresnahan, Politico

Rep. Joe Crowley's stunning loss on Tuesday night to a first-time candidate makes this crystal clear: Nancy Pelosi's path back to the speaker's chair is getting more narrow by the day. But it may not ease the route for the leaders directly below her either.

'Defining moment.' Activists say it's time for leadership change in the Democratic Party

Alex Roarty, McClatchy DC

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is young, Latina, and boldly progressive - in other words, everything the Democratic Party's leadership is not. The party's activists are ready for that to change.

States

Potentially expanding his executive power, Gov. Greg Abbott orders agency heads to run proposed rules by him first **Emma Platoff, The Texas Tribune**

In a move that could expand the powers of his office, Gov. Greg Abbott has told Texas state agencies to submit proposed new rules to him before they are made available for public comment. Citing the "success of regulatory review at the federal level," Abbott's office wrote in a June 22 letter obtained by The Texas Tribune that his staff would review policies before they're published in the Texas Register, much as presidents do at the national level.

New York Attorney General Probes T-Mobile-Sprint Deal's Impact on Prepaid Services **Sarah Krouse and Corinne Ramey, The Wall Street Journal**

The New York attorney general's office is investigating how T-Mobile US Inc.'s \$26 billion deal to buy Sprint Corp. could impact competition in the pay-as-you-go wireless market, according to people familiar with the matter. Representatives from the state attorney general's office have contacted companies that sell prepaid phone services in recent weeks with questions about pricing and customers, the people said.

Judge again orders Trump voter fraud commission to give documents to Maine's secretary of state **Eric Russell, Portland Press Herald**

A federal judge has for the second time ordered the Trump administration to turn over documents to Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap related to his participation on a presidential commission on voting integrity. The order, issued Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington, D.C., rejects the commission's contention that Dunlap is no longer entitled to any documents now that the commission is dissolved.

As they voted in Democratic primary, many Marylanders appeared inclined to back Hogan this fall.
Steve Thompson and Fenit Nirappil, The Washington Post

Dwight Hunter is tired of hearing about President Trump. Doesn't want to think about him. And like most Democrats, wishes his presidency were already over.

Advocacy

Inside Facebook and Twitter's secret meetings with Trump aides and conservative leaders who say tech is biased
Tony Romm, The Washington Post

Twitter and Facebook are scrambling to assuage conservative leaders who have sounded alarms - and sought to rile voters - with accusations that the country's tech giants are censoring right-leaning posts, tweets and news. From secret dinners with conservative media elite to private meetings with the Republican National Committee, the new outreach reflects tech giants' delicate task: satisfying a party in power while defending online platforms against attacks that threaten to undermine the public's trust in the Web.

Koch Network Plans To Spend Millions Backing Trump's Court Pick
Kevin Robillard, HuffPost

The powerful Koch network of conservative megadonors plans to spend seven figures backing President Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick if he nominates a candidate similar to Justice Neil Gorsuch to replace the retiring Anthony Kennedy, a network official said Wednesday. "Faced with a vacancy on the highest court, we encourage President Trump to build on that success by nominating a Supreme Court Justice in the spirit of Justice Neil Gorsuch - a nominee who will respect the rule of law, interpret the Constitution as written, and not seek to advance a political

agenda," said Sarah Field, the vice president for judicial strategy at conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

With Kennedy Gone, Justice Must Be Won at the Ballot Box **The Editorial Board, The New York Times**

If the last few days hadn't been dispiriting enough for those who believed the Supreme Court could still stand for reproductive freedom, equal rights for all Americans, a check on presidential power, a more humane criminal justice system and so much more, Wednesday afternoon brought the coup de grâce. Everyone knew it was coming sooner than later, but Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, which he announced in a letter released hours after the court had issued its final rulings of the term, is still crushing.

Kennedy's retirement opens a void at the court's center **Editorial Board, The Washington Post**

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's 30-year career on the Supreme Court was a historical accident. President Ronald Reagan's first choice to replace retiring Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. in 1987 was Judge Robert H. Bork, a cerebral but overly doctrinaire conservative; his nomination failed by a 58-to-42 vote in the Senate.

The Supreme Court's Banner Year **The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal**

The Supreme Court concluded a blockbuster term on Wednesday with a landmark ruling upholding the First Amendment rights of public workers. Justice Neil Gorsuch's first term on the Court and Anthony Kennedy's last turned out to be a banner year for constitutional liberties. The Court saved its most anticipated decision for last as a 5-4 majority in *Janus v. Afsome* overturned the Court's flawed 1977 *Abood* decision that

allowed states to require workers who don't belong to a union to pay "agency fees" to support collective bargaining.

Analysis: Where Do We Go From Here? **Stuart Rothenberg, Roll Call**

On Monday evening, Judy Woodruff asked me and USA Today's Susan Page on the "PBS NewsHour" how the country moves forward from its current state of division. I didn't have a good answer.

Research Reports and Polling

Sixty-Two Percent View Planned Parenthood Favorably **Jim Norman, Gallup**

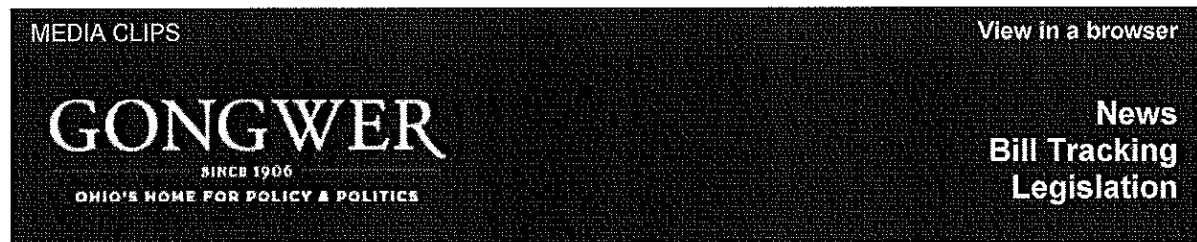
Sixty-two percent of Americans hold a favorable opinion of Planned Parenthood, the powerful pro-choice group whose high-profile role in the abortion debate has thrust it into the news once again this month. President Donald Trump and Republican congressional leaders are attempting to cut off federal funding for the organization because of its role as a major provider of abortions across the nation.



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Ohio lawmakers look to provide online academy 'safe harbor' (Associated Press, 6/28/2018)

Grab a beer with man's best friend: Ohio expected to allow dogs on patios (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/28/2018)

This U.S. Supreme Court decision might have forced Ohio into 'right-to-work' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/28/2018)

Bone appetit: Dogs could soon be welcome at bar and restaurant patios (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers OK \$114.5 million for new voting machines (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio Senate Democrats push for payday lending vote; Republicans scramble to shut it down (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Schools that took in ECOT kids win 'safe harbor' from penalties for bad grades (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Sherrod Brown nabs endorsement from Ohio doctors group (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Drug middlemen charging Ohioans triple the going rate (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

Law firm that cleared legislator also gave him cash (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

Ohio legislature sends package of e-school bills to Kasich (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

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Ohio payday lenders off the hook — for now at least (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

Sexting bill looks to give teens a break for bad choice (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

Ohio congressman: Delay replacing Justice Kennedy till after fall election (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

Ohio House votes to prohibit forcing churches to perform gay weddings (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers vote to ban sexting by anyone under 19, set up diversion program (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers vote to end fees charged for credit freezes (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers vote to raise marriage age after Dayton Daily News investigation (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

High court strikes down fair-share fees for public workers (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

Last minute bills move in Ohio House, Senate (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

State lawmakers approve Lake Erie funding bill (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

Toledo abortion clinic argues state fines unwarranted (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

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Sarah LaTourette a rising star in Ohio House: Brent Larkin (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

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Payday lending fiasco (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

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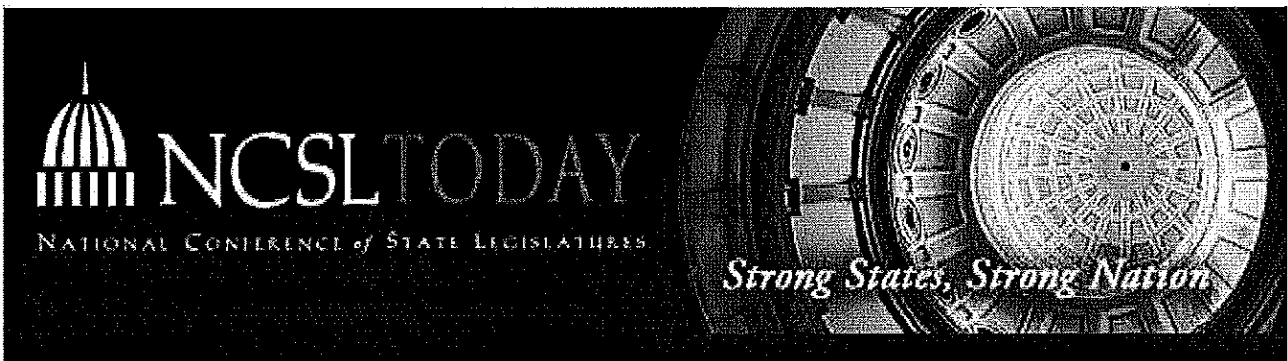
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States cracking down on streaming video while driving

USA TODAY

Georgia isn't the only state to single out streaming as a new danger. A Washington state law, the Driving Under the Influence of Electronics Act, in January was the first to specifically mention video on phones. It even makes it illegal for Washington drivers to sneak a peek at their smartphone when stopped in traffic or at a stoplight, though they can touch a mounted or in-dash screen.

NCSL's Annie Kitch quoted.

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'Now comes the interesting part' with online sales tax collections

Route Fifty

The court ruling in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* has



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also left complicated questions in its wake. Like what the specifics of new state policies could look like, whether Congress will take action, and how companies that sell goods online will react. **NCSL's Max Behlke** quoted.

Maine legislature passes sweeping medical marijuana reform bill

Portland Press Herald

The bill, which now goes to Gov. Paul LePage, would let caregivers expand their business operations. For example, they could hire more than one worker, and sell up to 30 percent of their harvest to other caregivers and dispensaries.

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Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation

Cleveland.com

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

[NCSL LegisBrief on blockchain technology.](#)

South Carolina lawmakers OK rate cuts for failed nuclear plants

Associated Press

South Carolina lawmakers have approved a temporary rate cut of nearly 15 percent for customers of a private utility who paid billions for two nuclear reactors that never produced power.

Webinar 3 p.m. ET TODAY Federal infrastructure funding - an update while we wait

One of the most talked-about possibilities for federal action in 2018 is a new infrastructure bill that aims to inject what nearly all experts agree is a significant boost of funds for many of our national infrastructure systems.



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Supreme Court deals blow to unions in Janus case

The U.S. Supreme Court held 5-4 in *Janus v. AFSCME* that state statutes allowing public sector employers and unions to agree that employees who don't join the union must still pay their

Commercial spaceports still waiting for liftoff

Stateline

Communities are eager to tap into the growing commercial space industry.

"fair share" of collective bargaining costs violate the First Amendment.



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Happy Birthday America!

Supreme Court: What a week!?! Justice Kennedy announced his retirement giving President Trump an opportunity to appoint a solid conservative on the court that will hold up the principles enshrined in our constitution...rather than rewrite it.

Then the Supreme Court passed the Janus decision, finally giving government workers the right to choose whether or not to pay union dues. With municipal unions blindly backing Democrats with their union dues, this gives workers the ability to make their own decisions when it comes to politics. This is huge!

Attempted Entrapment: Stunning, as the Obama Administration's political hacks attempted to entrap members of the Trump campaign in what clearly is becoming decided clear political gamesmanship. This kind of activity threatens our democracy at its core. "Spygate" is worse than "Watergate" because of the brazen political bias and intent to stop the election of a major party's nominee...regardless of who that person is. Offenders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Democratic Ideas: Think about this, from union dues to Obamacare, liberal ideas are so good they have to use government to force you to buy them?!? A bankrupt party?

The Democrats have Lost It: Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Nancy Pelosi now represent the mainstream of the Democratic Party...which is truly unbelievable! Elections have consequences, they lost, and the Trump Administration is implementing their promises, their policy. If the liberal/progressive left disagrees, harness the intellectual power of the liberal left, make your case to the American people for open borders, catch and release, higher taxes, less jobs, civil disobedience, racism and going backwards....and let the American people decide at the ballot box. I think we are in the midst of a second American Revolution, the difference is conservatives and normal Americans are willing to fight it at the ballot box rather than at the end of barrel or a flying brick.

The progressive left wing Democratic Party has gone too far. They've lost any semblance of civil discord. They openly finance, encourage and defend anything from near domestic terrorism by individual with Antifa - Black Lives Matter to MS-13, to riots in the streets, to an invasion of illegal immigrants across our border to our own law enforcement, intelligence services and IRS targeting U.S. citizens for political reasons.

An Obama/Clinton legacy that will be a shockingly disturbing chapter in America's history.

Why Share This Newsletter: I've had a few questions over the last few weeks as to why I share various information and news stories via this newsletter and online.

I want activists to engage. I email this newsletter every Sunday to about 16,000 activists, reporters, pundits and other folks who care. It's free...it a collection of some of the key stories for the week that help inform and move the debate forward.

The goal is to give a conservative perspective, facts to fight the left and to motivate Americans to engage in the debate over public policy that matters.

I also want to help expose the radical left wing propaganda as just that. The tactics and willingness of so many on the left to lie, distort, threaten and destroy civil discourse is dangerous. Too many have lost the ability to agree to disagree and have a rational disagreement over policy and politics.

We need to tone it down...get back to a battle over ideas...let both side express themselves in civil discourse. Leave the bats, bottles, masks and race baiting name calling at home.

So I hope it helps, informs and motivates...for it's a fight worth fighting.

Keep the faith!

-Saul Anuzis



Trump's poll numbers are surging as he faces some of the biggest controversies of his presidency

- President Donald Trump has faced intense, sustained media and political backlash to his immigration policies.
- But amid the controversies, Trump's approval is near a high at 45%. That's about what President Barack Obama was polling at this stage in his presidency.
- Many in the US don't trust the media, potentially explaining why the outrage on news programs hasn't shown up in polling.

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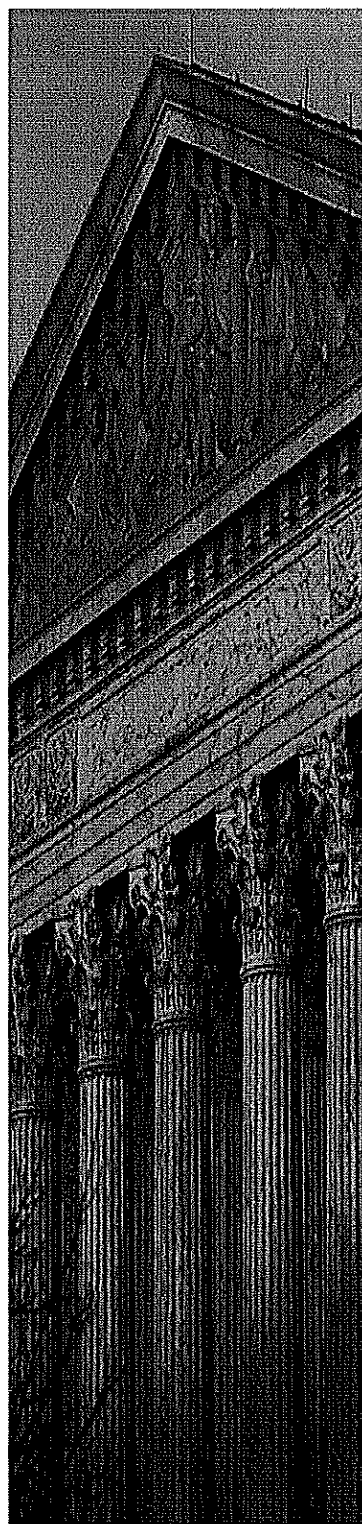
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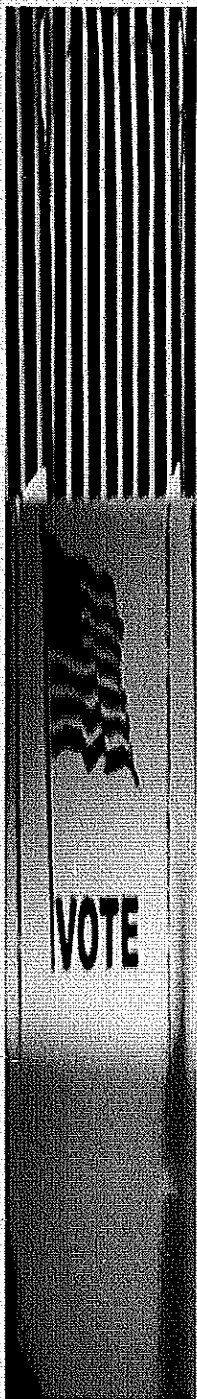
Rank and file government workers won big over union bosses Wednesday when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Mark Janus, an Illinois state worker who refused to join the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The court struck down an Illinois law that allowed the union to deduct fees from Janus's paycheck despite his refusal to join.

The Janus ruling smashes laws in 22 states -- including New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and California -- that compel nonmembers to support unions. Until now, if you wanted a government job in these states, you had to pay up. But now firefighters, teachers and other public employees won't have to fork over a penny to a union if they choose not to join. For the average worker who opts out, it will mean hundreds of dollars more in take-home pay a year.

More in workers' pockets, less in union coffers. Nationwide, unions are expected to forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars when nonmembers stop paying and some members quit to save money, too.

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Midterm turnout surges for both parties

A surge in voter enthusiasm has prompted millions more Democrats to cast ballots in primary elections this year, a turnout explosion ahead of midterms..

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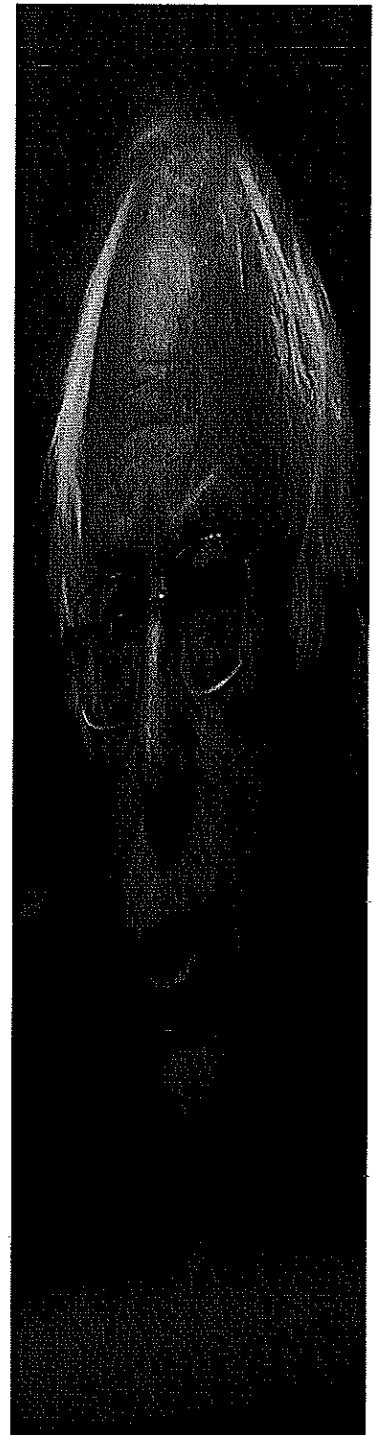
The Democrats Are Done Pretending to Be Moderate

They think they're unpopular because they aren't left-wing enough.

The Democratic love of socialism was for many years the love that dared not speak its name. No more. Now the party is figuratively jumping on Oprah's couch shouting its love of socialism. You'd have to plug your ears not to hear it.

Socialist Bernie Sanders is unquestionably the spiritual leader of the Democratic party, which is radicalizing itself in his image, and on the strength of her blowout Democratic-primary win over liberal incumbent Joe Crowley in the party-ruled NY-14 congressional district, soon-to-be-congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is now one of the most prominent faces in the Democratic party. A poll last fall put support for socialism at 44 percent among Millennials, and even more disturbingly, 23 percent of this group agreed that Joseph Stalin is a "hero." Socialized medicine, i.e., Medicare for all, is the hottest issue on the Left (unless you count hating Trump as an "issue").

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After Its Hard Left Turn, Will Democratic Party Officially Admit It's Socialist?

Progressives: The shocking primary victory of 28-year-old socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez over Congress' No. 4, Democrat Joe Crowley, underscores what we have long noted: The Democratic Party is no longer a party of moderation, but a party of the extreme left. And it's moving ever faster and farther leftward with each election cycle.

The 57%-42% drubbing of Crowley looks like the death knell not just for his political career, but for that of his mentor House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Crowley, after all, was the hand-picked successor to Pelosi. He had outraised his far younger opponent by 10-to-1.

Ocasio-Cortez isn't a make-believe socialist; she belongs to the Democratic Socialists of America. And she had the backing of Bernie Sanders' "Our Revolution" political group. "Our Revolution"? Do they want a civil war? It's a real concern. A new Rasmussen poll shows 31% of Americans think a civil war is likely soon, while 59% fear violence from Trump haters.

That's scary.

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Early FBI contacts with Trump campaign officials analyzed; 'Efforts to manufacture evidence'

Lee Smith at Real Clear Investigations has a lengthy analysis of the early contacts with Trump campaign official prior to the official launch of the FBI's counterintelligence probe known as "Crossfire Hurricane."

How extensive the FBI or other US intelligence/law enforcement agencies' contacts with Trump campaign advisers were prior to the July 31, 2016 start date for the official investigation has been a great mystery for journalists and congressmen willing to ask.

Congressman Devin Nunes, the Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee has been trying to get to the bottom of these contacts and the exact origin of the FBI probe for several months and has still been met with stonewalling from the Justice Department.

Smith has detailed as many as seven contacts with Trump campaign figures that have been made public:

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Days of Rage: There is no limiting principle on leftist fury.

American politics is taking a dangerous turn. Or, I should say, American politics is taking a dangerous turn again. In the space of a few days last week, leftist protesters individually targeted trump aide Stephen Miller, taunted Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen in a restaurant and at her home, mocked (and allegedly spat at) Florida attorney general Pam Bondi at a movie theater, and denied service to Trump press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders at a restaurant in Lexington, Va.

Make no mistake, this is provocative rhetoric. Angry, in-your-face confrontations dramatically increase the chances of violence. Put people in close proximity, yelling and spitting, and public officials will rightly start to fear that they're in physical danger. While millions of Americans don't remember that a Bernie Sanders supporter last year tried to assassinate a significant portion of the GOP Congress, you can be assured that not a single Republican in Washington has forgotten. They can never be sure that the screaming person in front of them doesn't mean them physical harm.

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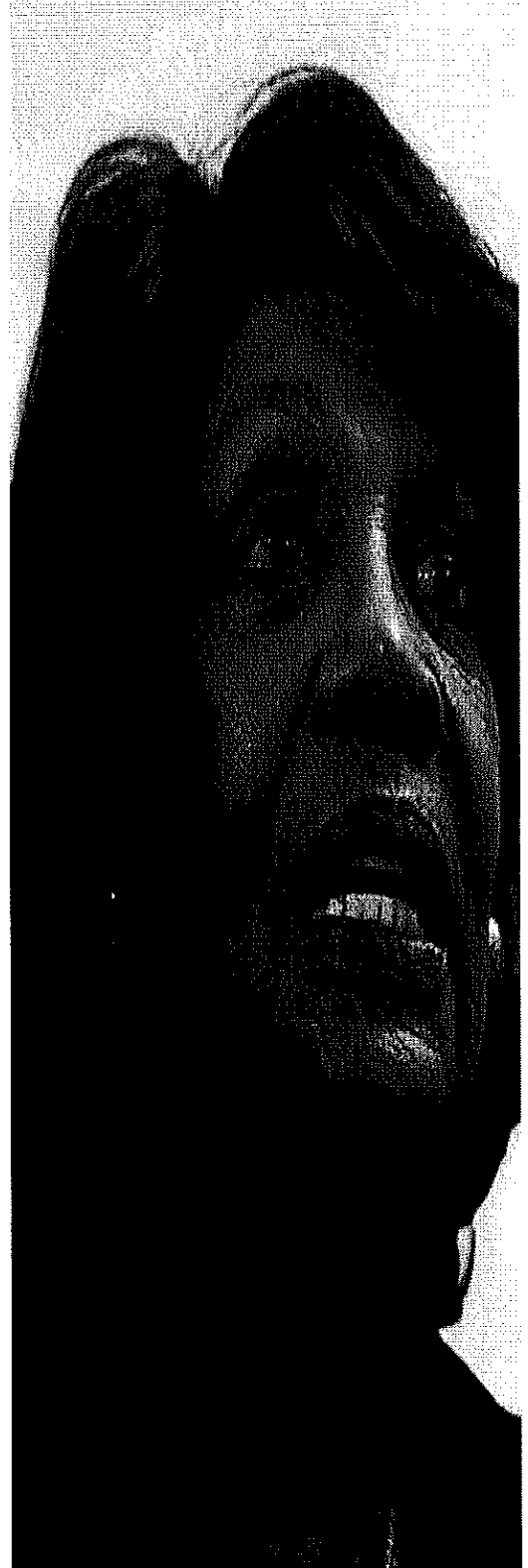
Maxine Waters advances a liberal strategy with her call for mob action

With the appalling news of the past few weeks of mobs attempting to harass and intimidate President Trump's female Cabinet members and staff, the inclination is to believe that this remarkable behavior, so antithetical to American values, is the result of a lack of leadership in the Democratic Party.

Yet, the organized nature of the attacks, combined with liberal political and legacy media rhetoric, makes clear this is not some sort of organic turn of events. Having come from the left, I can tell you everything liberals do is organized around the principle of personalizing, punishing and polarizing; it's the only thing they know how to do and is a required skill when you can't persuade people on the details of the issues and have no actual policy solutions.

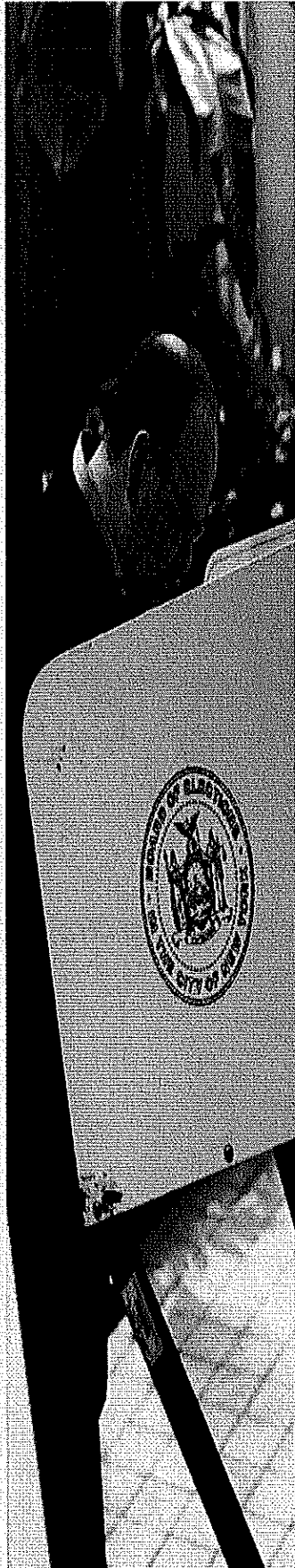
While some were calling for an end to this classically fascist behavior, Rep. Maxine Waters, California Democrat, decided more mob action would be good. Ms. Waters spoke to a group in Los Angeles and did not call for an end to the menacing; instead, she encouraged it.

Real Clear Politics reported, "She said cabinet members and highly visible Trump enablers should expect harassment at restaurants, gas stations, shopping places, and even their homes, 'Already you have members of your cabinet that are being booed out of restaurants. We have protesters taking up at their house who are



saying, 'No peace, no sleep. No peace, no sleep ...' 9 Waters finished with a call to action: 'If you see anybody from that cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. You push back on them. Tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere!' "

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Crazy Left Wins a Big One! Crowley stunner tops huge night for left

Veteran Rep. Joe Crowley's (D-N.Y.) stunning defeat on Tuesday night rocked the political world, as progressive candidates stormed to victory in primaries held across the country. Crowley, the chairman of the House Democratic caucus who was seen as a potential future speaker, lost in a massive upset to progressive challenger Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 28-year-old organizer for Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-Vt.) presidential campaign.

Other liberal candidates won primary challenges in top House and gubernatorial races. Former NAACP President Ben Jealous, who was endorsed by Sanders, won the Democratic primary in Maryland's governor race. And activist Dana Balter won her House primary in upstate New York.

Those victories illustrate that voters have an appetite to buck the political establishment, as progressives seek to move the Democratic Party farther to the left.

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The Left Tries To Blame Trump For Their Own Hate Mongering

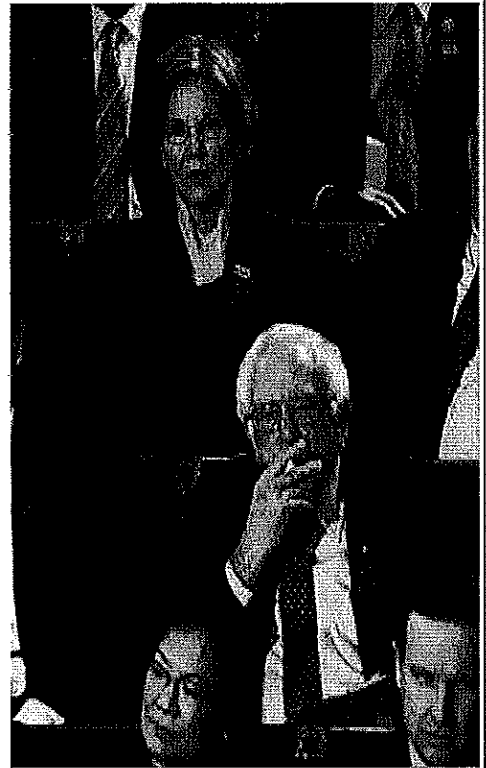
Civil Society: When not worrying that its increasingly hostile anti-Trump antics might backfire on Democrats, the left is busy blaming President Trump's own incivility for the ferocity of their attacks. But this is exactly how the left treats all conservatives, rough-hewn or not.

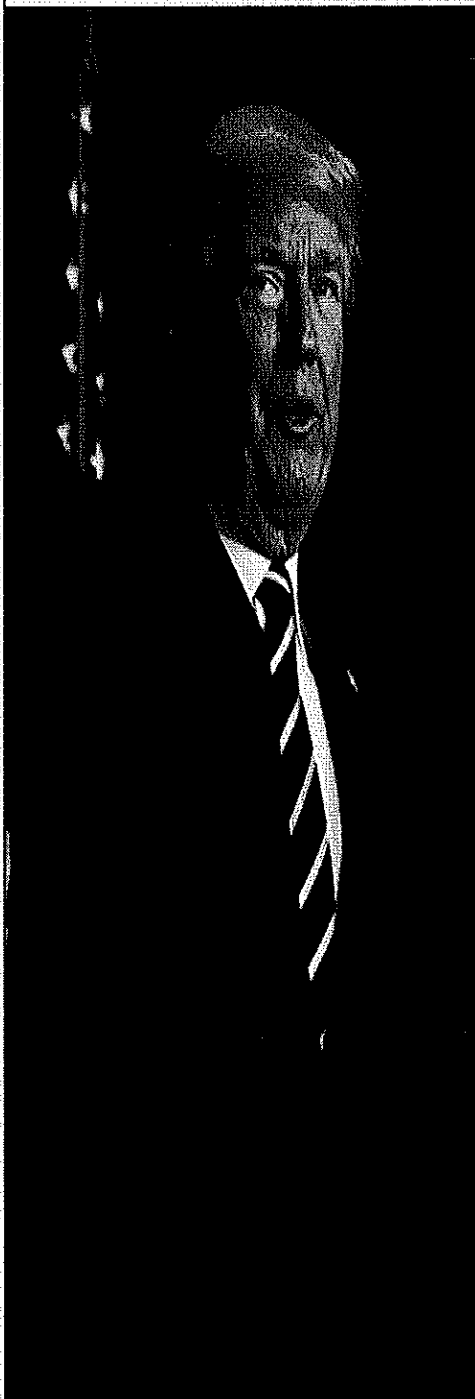
After a week in which a celebrity called for the abduction of the president's young son, a restaurant kicked out Trump's spokesman, and a mob harassed the Homeland Security secretary, Democrats are starting to wonder if their "resistance" is getting out of hand — while refusing to take any blame for it.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi managed to perfectly encapsulate this when she said "Trump's daily lack of civility has provoked responses that are predictable but unacceptable."

The blame-Trump-first meme has been catching on fast.

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As days pass, will Trump waste another chance to build the wall?

Building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border was Donald Trump's premier campaign promise, and he is running out of chances to keep it.

Trump has been president for nearly a year and a half, and has not yet won anywhere near the funding needed to build the wall along the 1,000 or so miles of border that he pledged to voters. Now, there are two Republican immigration bills in the House, each of which would provide around \$25 billion for the wall, and Trump has blown them both off, saying he'd rather try again after November's midterm elections.

"Republicans should stop wasting their time on immigration until after we elect more Senators and Congressmen/women in November," Trump tweeted Friday. "Dems are just playing games, have no intention of doing anything to solve this decades old problem. We can pass great legislation after the Red Wave!"

Now, it is entirely possible Republicans will keep control of the House and Senate. It's also possible they will lose. But does anyone believe the GOP will gain enough seats to pass difficult legislation without somehow settling their internal disputes? Unlikely.

And of course Democrats are playing games with immigration. They still will be after the election, no matter what happens.

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Even Europe is Securing Their Borders...EU leaders reach migration deal after marathon talks in Brussels

European Union leaders reached a breakthrough deal on migration after all-night talks in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk announced on Friday.

The agreement has been billed as "make or break" for German Chancellor Angela Merkel's future in office amid a dispute with her hardline Interior Minister Horst Seehofer.

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Immigration - Using gumballs to explain the challenge

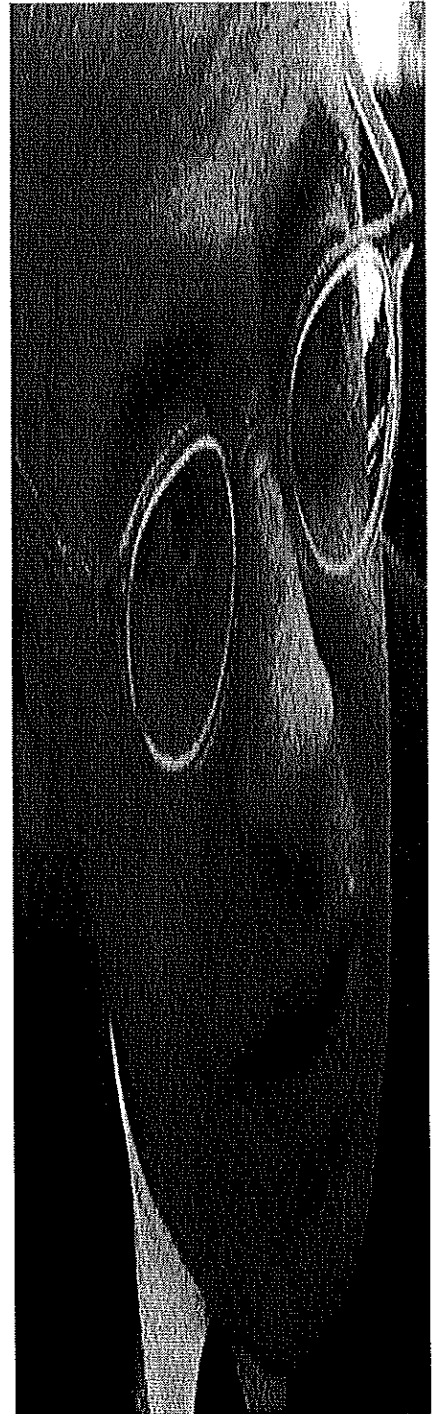
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Worth Remembering and Keeping In Mind: Saul Alinsky's 13 Tried-and-True Rules for Creating Meaningful Social Change

Saul David Alinsky died 36 years before the election of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's first attempt for the presidency. But many feverish screeds on social media, talk radio, and YouTube might have made one think he lurked behind these politicians like Rasputin. Spoken of by many on the right as a servant of the devil, "American Joseph Goebbels," and "dangerous harbinger of insurrection," Alinsky developed a reputation for insidiousness that may exceed his influence, considerable though it may be.

But liberals and leftists have no special purchase on Alinsky's legacy. As one thoughtful, eloquent pundit recently wrote, "the Right has taken Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals and shoved it up where #TheResistance don't shine." Not long before this charming appropriation, Alinsky's 1971 manual of political warfare found its way into the hands of some of the same Tea Party organizers who had made his name synonymous with everything they despised about the left. (See Alinsky court his Luciferian comparisons in the 1966 interview above.)

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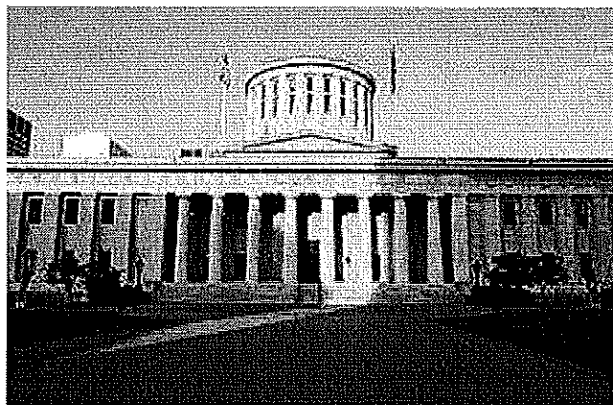
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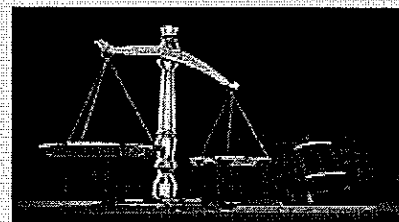
On Wednesday, the Ohio Legislature took a major step forward towards much-needed regulatory reform. Senate Bill 221, which has long been an Ohio Chamber priority bill passed through the House and the Senate and is now on its way to Governor Kasich's desk. [Continue reading.](#)

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Be sure to read our latest blog posts on allforohio.com for additional information that is of interest to Ohio Chamber members. Here are our blog posts from the past week:



Pro-Business Cyber Security Legislation Heads to Governor

In a flurry of legislative activity during the final week of June, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 220, cybersecurity legislation improving Ohio's business and legal climate. [Read about the bill.](#)

Senate Moves Fresh Approach to Provide Regulatory Relief

Ever feel overwhelmed by bureaucratic red tape and government regulations? This week, the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 293 in an effort to provide businesses with some regulatory relief. [What does this bill mean for Ohio?](#)

Supreme Court Rules Fair-Share Fees Decidedly Unfair

By now, news of the *Janus* decision has spread like wildfire across every type of media imaginable. This is big news and the blog in this post by Ohio Chamber member Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP goes through the ins and outs of the case itself in detail. [Continue reading.](#)

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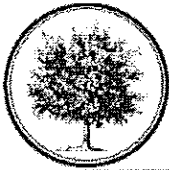
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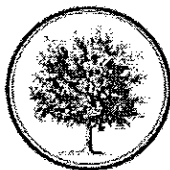
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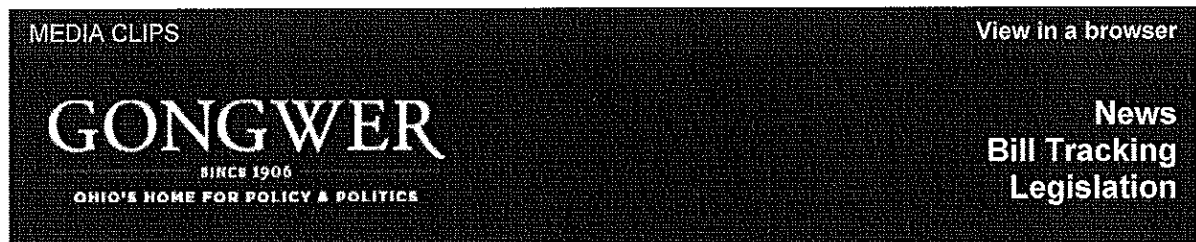
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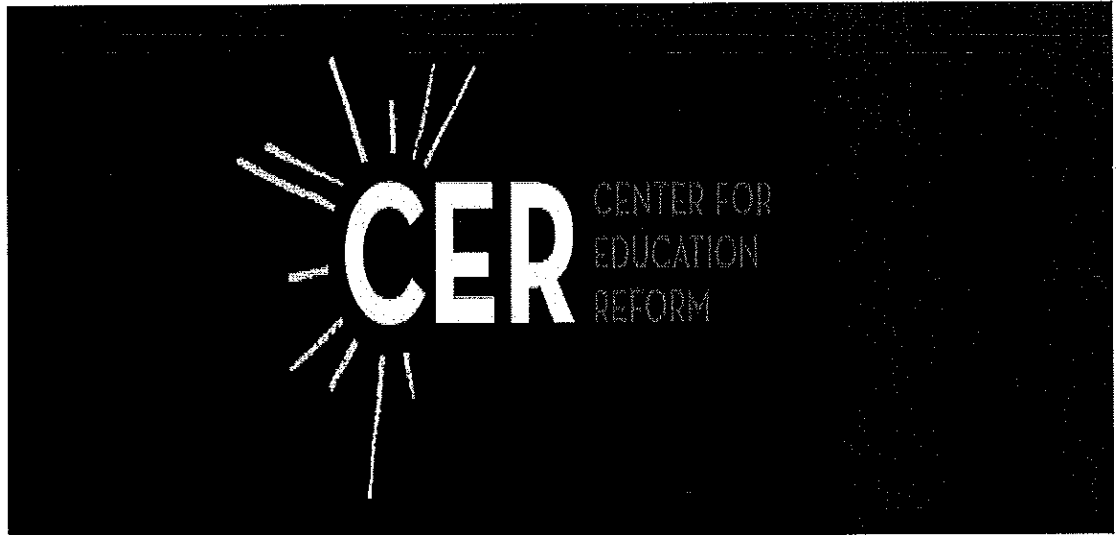
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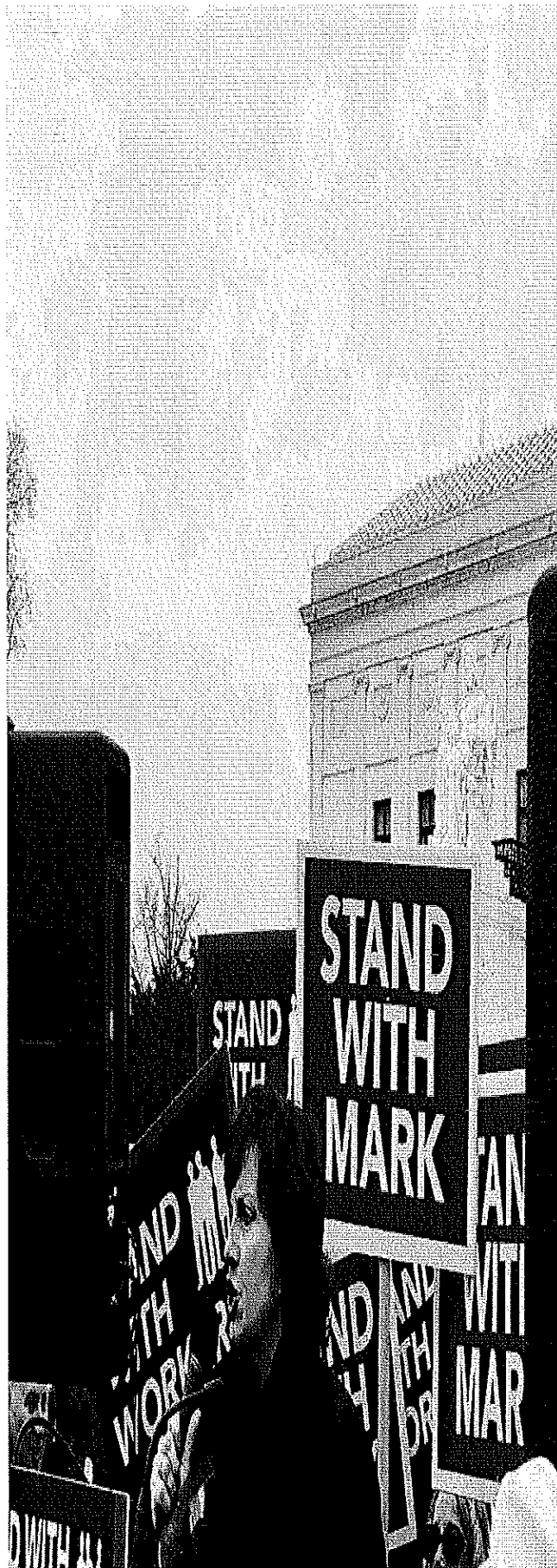
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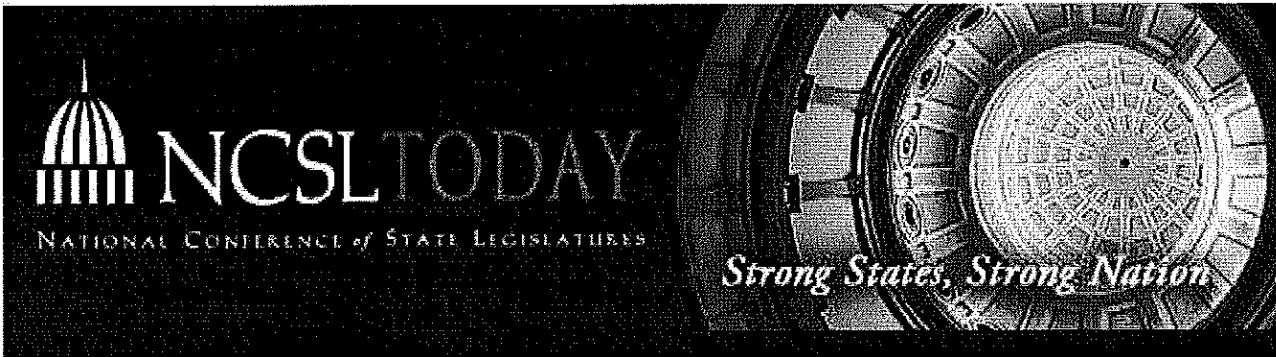
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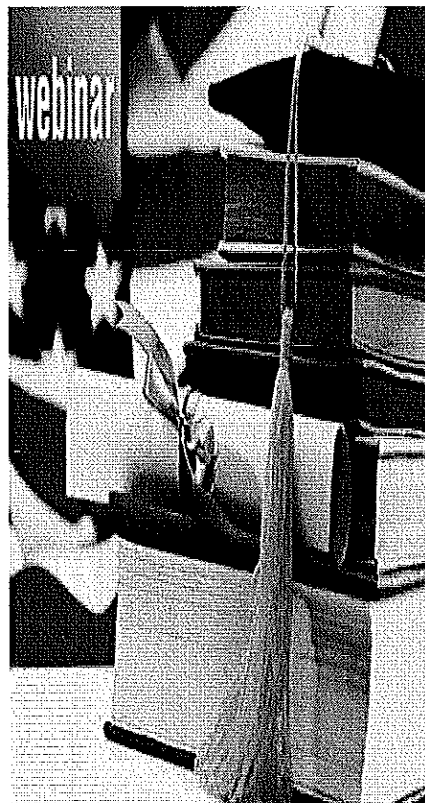
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North Dakota measure would ban noncitizen voting

Associated Press

Backers of a measure to change the North Dakota Constitution to explicitly bar non-U.S. citizens from voting say they have gathered enough signatures to get it on the November ballot. **NCSL research cited.**

Delaware lawmakers approve bill to prohibit pharmacist 'gag clauses'

Delaware Public Media

Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs), third-party administrators of prescription drug programs for health insurance plans, sometimes forbid pharmacists from telling customers about cheaper therapeutic alternatives, or disclosing when a drug might be cheaper when paid for out-of-pocket, rather than through insurance. = A **NCSL data cited.** [NCSL resources on 'gag clauses'.](#)

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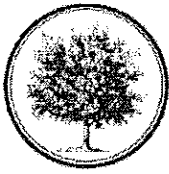
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The Buckeye Institute Launches Workers Choose Campaign to Allow Public Employees to Express First Amendment Rights in Wake of *Janus* Ruling

Columbus, OH -- Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, The Buckeye Institute launched its Workers Choose campaign, which gives public employees in Ohio the tools they need to express their newly-recognized First Amendment rights.

"In *Janus v. AFSCME*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that public-sector workers can no longer be forced to pay for political speech without their affirmative consent," said Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of **The Buckeye Institute**. "For public-sector employees who seek to exercise their First Amendment rights and withdraw from their government union, **WorkersChoose.org** will allow them to initiate the process online in three easy steps. For those workers who are happy to continue supporting their government unions, they also have the First Amendment right to maintain their membership in them. The Janus decision is a win for all of our public workers, who are now respected and have a right to choose -- and those choices must be honored. I'm not sure how anyone could be opposed to letting workers decide for themselves."

To initiate the process of withdrawing from their government union, visitors to **WorkersChoose.org** will:

- Be asked to provide their name and email address;
- Find and select the county in which they work from a dropdown menu;
- Choose their employer from a dropdown menu; and
- Identify their government union in a dropdown menu.

Instructions will then appear that outline the opt-out process for that union and, when known, the specified timeframe or opt-out window. A completed notification letter, unique for each user, will be available for download and submission, as will union and employer contact information. Workers will simply need to download the letter and either email or send a hard copy to the listed contacts as instructed. If workers are required to email or send their notification letter at a future date, visitors have the option of signing up to receive an email notification when their opt-out window opens.

For public employees who have questions, there is a toll-free number, 1-855-e-Choose, and an email address, **WorkersChoose@BuckeyeInstitute.org**, that they can use for further assistance.

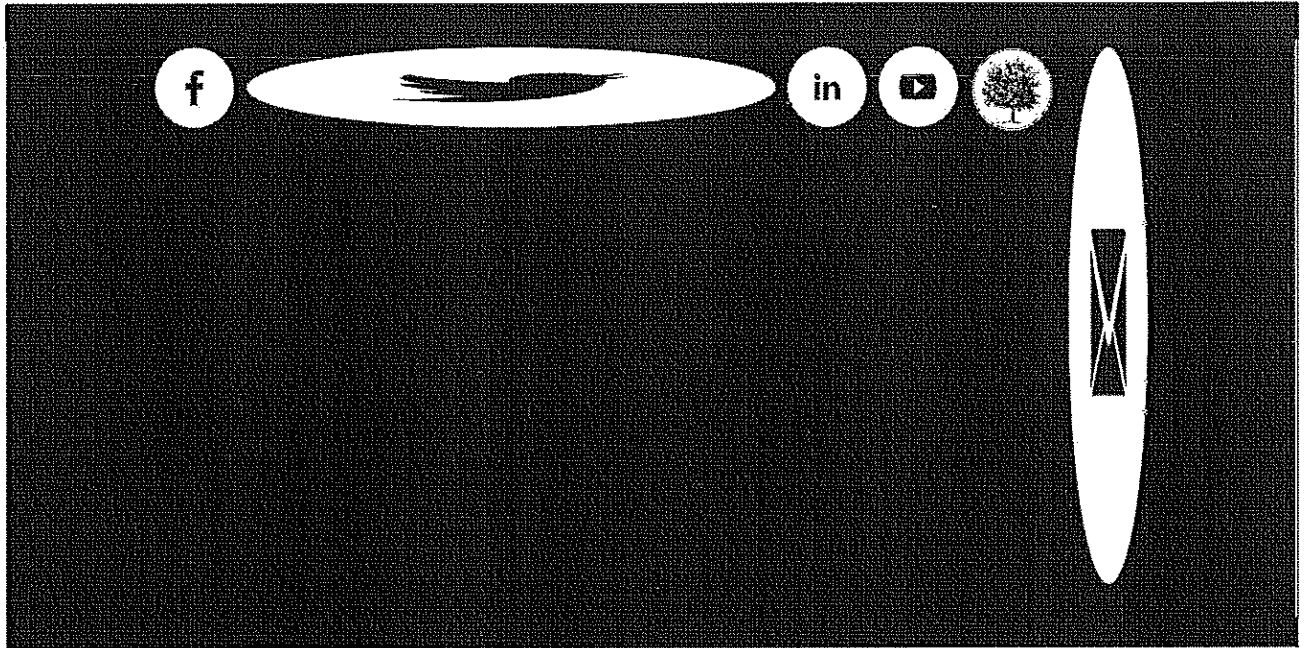
"If you are one of Ohio's hardworking teachers or other public-sector employees who prefer not to financially support or participate in your government union, **WorkersChoose.org** will allow you to begin the notification process today," said Alt.

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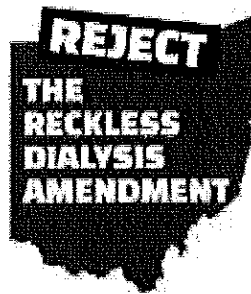
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Ohio Kidney Patient, Healthcare Groups Unite Against Reckless Dialysis Amendment

(COLUMBUS) – [Ohioans Against the Reckless Dialysis Amendment](#), a broad coalition of leading kidney care organizations, nurses, physicians and patient advocates, today announced its opposition to a proposed Constitutional Amendment that threatens to reduce access to Ohio's 326 out-patient dialysis clinics for the 18,000 Ohioans suffering from kidney failure.

Dialysis providers are among the most regulated healthcare provider groups in the country. All out-patient clinics are licensed by the Ohio Department of Health, certified by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and highly regulated under current state and federal laws and regulations. [Current laws and regulations](#) address, among other things, patient safety; environmental cleanliness; infection prevention and control; emergency preparedness; staff training and continuing education; and water system and equipment maintenance. Clinics must also submit to unannounced quality assessments and inspections by the Ohio Department of Health.

"The proposed amendment was written by a California-based special interest group with no experience in dialysis care and – without any evidence of a problem – would recklessly lock dangerous, arbitrary rules into the Ohio Constitution, threatening access to high-quality care for thousands of Ohioans," said Diane Wish, co-founder and president of the Ohio Renal Association (ORA). "What's worse, the amendment calls for rebates that will end up in the pockets of insurance companies, not patients."

Wish, a registered nurse with more than 40 years of experience in providing dialysis treatment, is joined by other kidney care experts and physicians in opposition to the proposed amendment initiated by the California-based SEIU-UHW West.

"I've seen first-hand the devastating health consequences my dialysis patients face without proper access to care," said Dr. Henry Wehrum, a nephrologist (kidney specialist) with nearly 30 years of experience in the field, who also serves on the board of the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA). "The Ohio Constitution is simply not the place for complicated healthcare policy. And because it's written as a Constitutional Amendment, when things go wrong it can only be changed by another Constitutional Amendment – that's not a risk I'm willing to take on behalf of my patients."

Michael Needham, president and CEO of the Kidney Foundation of Ohio (KFO) added, "the Kidney Foundation of Ohio opposes the amendment because it will harm patients, not help them. The Amendment threatens to reduce the number of centers available to Ohioans, which would be especially harmful to vulnerable patients." The Kidney Foundation of Ohio is a patient advocacy group that has been providing a broad-based program of direct assistance to those with kidney disease since 1950.

To date, the organizations opposing the amendment include:

- Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio
- Chronic Disease Coalition
- Diabetes Dayton
- Dialysis Patient Citizens
- Global Healthy Living Foundation
- Kidney Care Council
- Kidney Care Partners
- Kidney Foundation of Ohio
- National Renal Administrators Association

- Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance
- Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Ohio Osteopathic Association
- Ohio Renal Association
- Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association
- Ohio State Medical Association
- Renal Physicians Association
- Renal Support Network

Based on campaign finance filings, the California-based SEIU is believed to have hired hundreds of paid petition circulators, many from out-of-state, to gather signatures from Ohio voters. On Wednesday, July 4, the group submitted signatures to the Ohio Secretary of State in an attempt to qualify the issue for the November 6 Ohio statewide ballot. The petitions and signatures are now under review by elections officials.

"The SEIU has a long history of abusing the ballot issue process to advance its own political agenda," said coalition spokesperson Gene Pierce. "That its amendment would actually harm Ohio dialysis patients comes as no surprise to those familiar with the SEIU's strong-arm tactics."

Among the proposed Constitutional mandates are provisions directing the Ohio Department of Health to establish arbitrary revenue limits for Ohio clinics and require rebates to private health insurance companies should revenues exceed those arbitrary limits. The amendment excludes Medicare, Medicaid and other government payers — which cover nearly 90 percent of dialysis patients in Ohio — from receiving rebates, leaving only private health insurance companies able to receive them. The amendment does not require insurance companies to pass on any savings to patients.

Coalition members are concerned that arbitrary revenue limits will force some dialysis providers to consolidate operations or close locations, reducing access to critical dialysis care — particularly for patients in rural, urban, and underserved areas.

The non-partisan coalition is planning a statewide campaign to educate Ohio voters on the ballot issue's dangerous consequences, should the issue be placed on the ballot.

The estimated 18,000 Ohioans suffering from end stage renal disease (ESRD) typically receive life-preserving dialysis treatments in a clinic three times a week, with each visit taking three to four hours.

According to national research, missing even one dialysis treatment increases a patient's risk of death by 30 per cent. Find more information on ESRD in Ohio [here](#).



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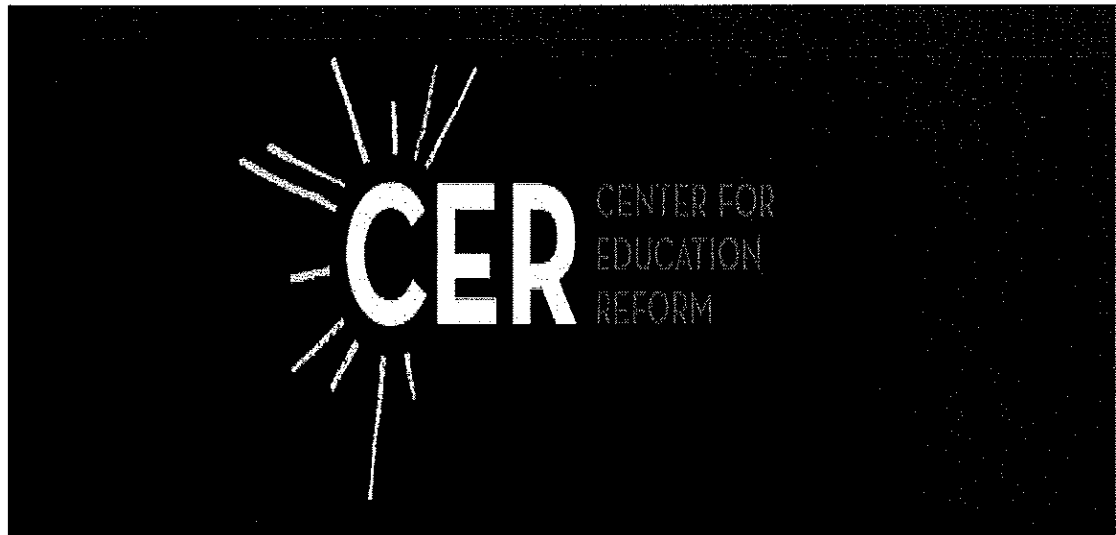
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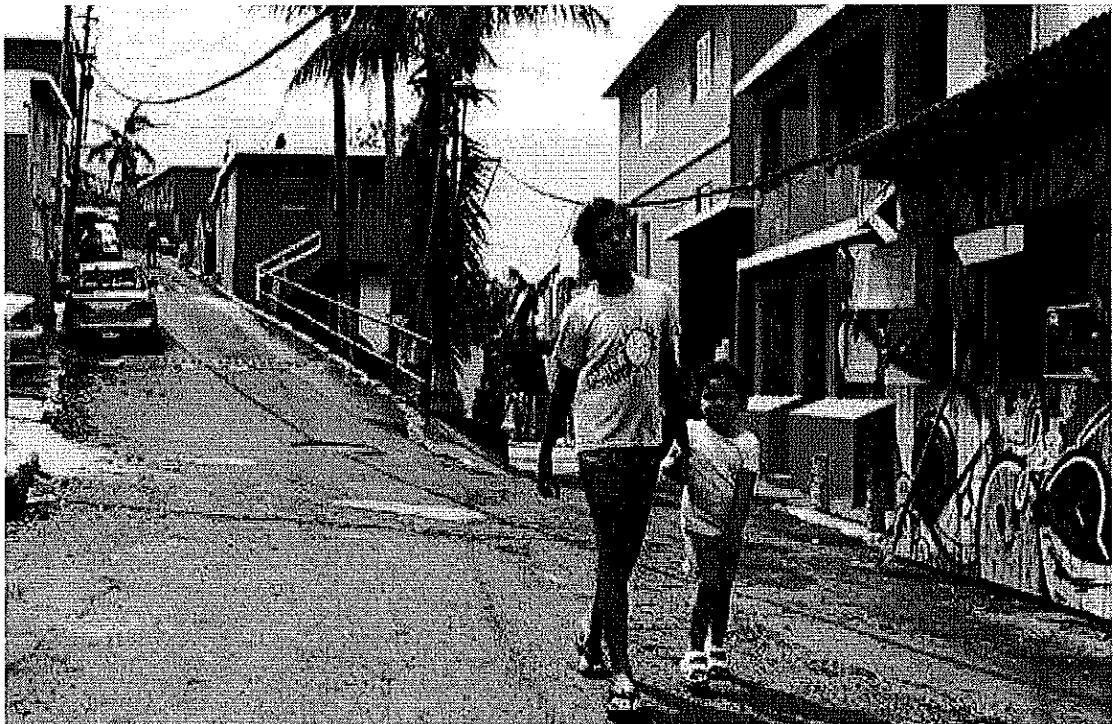
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A NEW HOPE FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS' FREEDOM? The President's nominee to fill the vacancy that Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will create is Brett Kavanaugh, whose long history of rulings and opinions on education issues may allow for progress and real change for religious schools and school equity: *Does A Justice Kavanaugh Mean That Blaine Amendments Are History?*

A SETBACK IN PUERTO RICO. A frustrating turn of events in Puerto Rico where the hopes and plans to increase educational opportunities and innovations are being held up a judge's ruling that private school scholarships

violate Puerto Rico's Constitution and that only the University of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico's municipalities can operate "*alianza*" (i.e. charter) schools.

Sadly, this is another case of putting children last when it comes to meeting their educational needs and, with hope, will only be a temporary set-back in delivering Gov. Rosselló's hugely needed, and hugely promising reforms. The good news is that we've seen this movie before, and the flawed decisions of courts from Washington state to Florida are usually based on education powers in constitutions not legislative powers, which in most Constitutions take precedence. [Check out this review](#), for example, from former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement, about a similar issue claimed but not litigated in Kentucky. We'll keep you posted.



NEA: THE "NOT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION." Somehow the NEA thought it appropriate to dedicate nearly two-thirds of the resolutions at its annual conference last week to everything BUT education? [What are some of the NEA's priority issues?](#) Here's a sample. Ensuring that Banana Republic doesn't

advertise with the union. Creating a toolkit to press for moratoria on charter school authorizations by bodies other than locally elected school boards. Advocating for lower interest rates and affordable housing programs for educators. And planning at least one action to shut down an immigration detention center, a Customs and order Patrol office, or an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office (and recruiting at least 500 educators to participate in the action who are willing to be arrested and not bailed out of jail for a week!).

AFT ALSO OUT OF TOUCH. As the AFT gears up for its rollicking annual convention and demagoguery fest we thought we'd brief you on the issues they'd be debating this year...that is until we looked at the list of a whopping 91 resolutions from 13 committees that are more appropriate to a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly than they are to addressing the educational needs of America's children and families. To be fair, they do have an "Educational Issues Committee" but things go sideways fast when we get to the committees on Healthcare, Human Rights, International Relations, Labor and the Economy, Political Action ("Resolution No. 53 'Rev It Up:' Register, Educate, Vote!") and Organizing and Collective Bargaining. Suffice it to say they will be discussing a lot of things, most of which have little or nothing to do with educating children. If you are so inclined, you can read every word of every resolution [here](#).

NOTE TO UNIONS: You're supposed to be looking for ways to improve your standing after Janus not get farther away from the mission upon which you were founded.

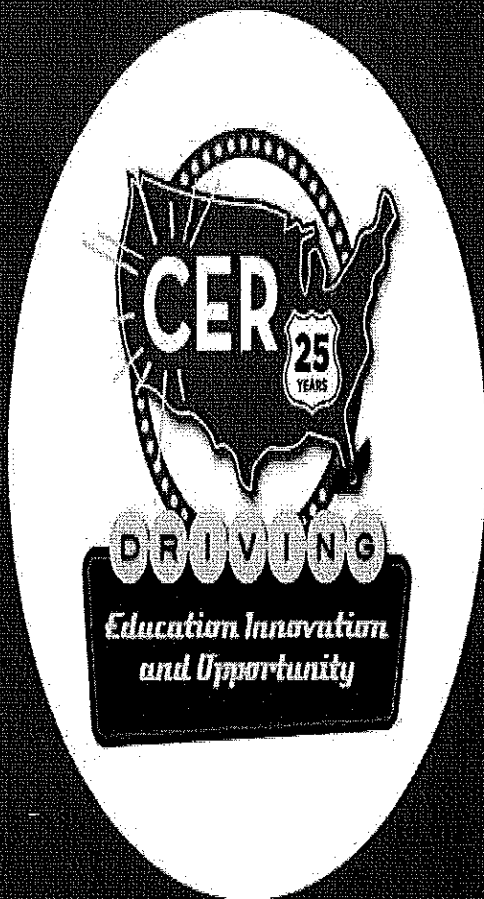
HEARING IT DIRECTLY FROM MARK JANUS. Along with many of our most respected colleagues, we've been glued to the Janus v. AFSCME litigation proceedings since the beginning. We've [covered](#), [interviewed](#) and reported on the subject. But nothing compares to hearing it from the horse's mouth. [Here's](#) Mark Janus explaining his "why" after the historic decision.

TO NBC: NOT TO SAY, 'WE TOLD YOU SO' BUT... The Grade, by Alexander Russo, offers up a great article over the irresponsibly story alleging charter schools are creating "white flight" from traditional public schools. The contention is absurd, and we said so, but the Grade goes even further. A very brief synopsis of its critique: *"...unfortunately, the [NBC/Hechinger] piece fails badly at its larger attempt, which is to assert that this kind of charter school is a significant problem nationally. Despite all efforts to make it seem otherwise, the data presented in the story do not support the claim that segregated white charters are a big problem."* Read the full article here.

COMPETITION. Pennsylvania's Bensalem school district hired a consultant to tell them why so many families were choosing charter schools over district schools. The consultant's explanation: with charter schools as an option for families, districts must compete for students, which means they have to improve in areas where they are lacking – be that in performance or programs or in working with parents. "Of course," the article concludes correctly, "competition is what the charter school law was supposed to produce — because competition drives excellence.= 2

THE ROAD TO INNOVATION IS PAVED WITH SILVER... This week we are pleased to announce the addition of Arizona State University as a partner in CER's Silver Anniversary Summit. We're grateful for the pathbreaking leadership of ASU and it's visionary president Michael Crow in their myriad endeavors. Start your engines and make your way to Miami on October 26th! Registration opens this week!

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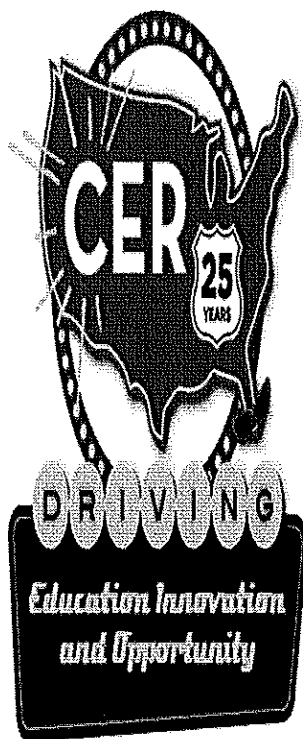
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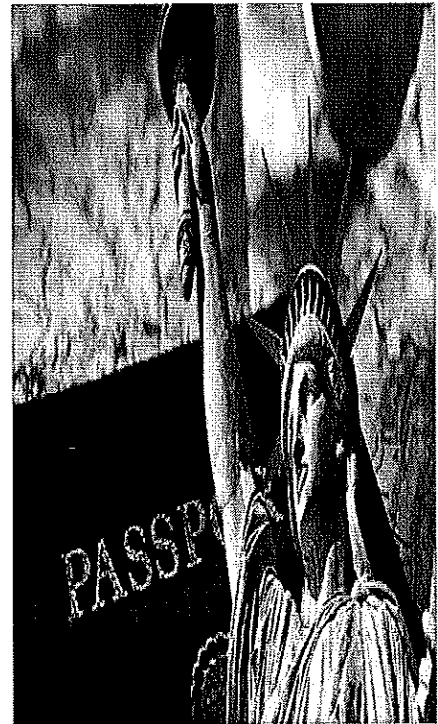
As Silicon Valley and automakers attempt to steer the nation toward a future of driverless vehicles, a group of influential lawmakers remains concerned that bipartisan legislation now moving through Congress could leave consumers at risk by preventing states from demanding tighter safety regulations. **NCSL data cited.**

[NCSL research on self-driving vehicle legislation.](#)

Report: Hate crimes rise in California for third straight year

The Los Angeles Times

There were 1,093 reported hate crimes in California in 2017, a 17.4 percent increase, according to a report released Monday by the California attorney general's office. Hate crimes have increased annually since 2014, jumping



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roughly 44 percent in that three-year span, records show.

Alabama lawmakers consider outlawing leaving pets in hot car

AL.com

Alabama could see a new law against leaving pets in hot cars after overwhelming public outcry over the death of a dog in Trussville last week. And according to one of the state's highest-ranking lawmakers, that new law might also allow for the smashing of car windows to save a trapped animal.

U.S. targeted breastfeeding abroad. Here at home it's another story

Stateline

The U.S. position on a resolution to support breastfeeding counters domestic legislation.

Could Missouri's right-to-work vote be a 'turnaround' for labor?

Kansas City Star

As state after state adopts right-to-work laws, national unions are hoping Missouri is the "wall" that the policy's supporters can't get through. **NCSL data cited.**

[NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.](#)

Unions could no longer get Medicaid money under new Trump proposal

Governing

The federal government wants to roll back an Obama-era rule that lets some Medicaid payments go toward unions

U.S. immigration: A primer for state policy makers

This primer for policymakers is intended to provide a clear and concise introduction to current immigration and refugee policy, trends in state immigration legislation, and key studies that seek to assess fiscal and economic impacts of immigrants in the United States.



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